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Special points of interest:

- FAA Northwest 2000 Update
- Bravo Taxiway Reconstruction and Safety Area Improvements
- Aircraft Museum is coming to Scottsdale

Director's Report

Since the last newsletter several exciting things have transpired. Of most interest, is the recent action by the Scottsdale City Council that will enable the addition of the historic aircraft museum to be built at the Airport (see article on page 3). We believe that this project will bring to the City a valuable education opportunity and community asset. A tremendous thank you to all of you that helped bring this to reality.

As many of you may not know, George Campos, US Customs Inspector, has made a career move to become the newest supervisor at the Nogalas boarder crossing. George left Scottsdale in May and the US Customs Service is currently recruiting his replacement. The service at Scottsdale is unchanged, however, you may see different US Customs inspectors during your visits. We wish George the best of luck in his new ventures.

The last exciting item is that I would like to welcome the newest Airport Advisory Commission member, Don Maxwell. Don has been involved in the community for many years and will be a great asset to the Commission. There is, however, still one vacancy on the Commission. This vacancy will be filled by an appointment of the City Council on August 20th. If you have interest in serving on the Commission, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (480) 312-2412 or visit the website at http://www.ci.scottsdale.az.us/clerk/ B&CInfo.asp.

As always, if we can be of assistance to you or if you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact the Airport Administration office at (480) 312-2321.



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Scottsdale Airport's Construction

Scottsdale Airport is finalizing Phase I of the Terminal Building Remodel. The schedule completion

of Phase I is July 15th. This includes two new rental car concession offices and counters (Hertz and National) and two remodeled restrooms. Phase II has already began, which includes new commuter/airline counters, open lobby

area, and a new entryway to the terminal building. Phase II is scheduled for completion in September.

We are in the final design stages for the relocation of the ASOS and

> weather equipment to the south west end of

the airfield.

We are also preparing to replace all of the existing airpark aircraft access gates with a new lighter and more durable gate.

FAA Northwest 2000 Update

In January of this year, the FAA proposed a change to the flight paths to/from Sky Harbor Airport over the northern portion of the Phoenix Metro area. The proposal is called the FAA's Northwest 2000 Plan. The initial draft Environmental Assessment (EA) document was released on April 9th and public comments were due on May 23rd.

Because of concerns about the proposed flight paths and accuracy of the draft EA document received from the public, Communities (including the City of Scottsdale) and the FAA Air Traffic Controllers, the FAA released a Supplemental Draft EA document on June 25th. The Supplemental Draft EA contains modifications to the routes proposed in the initial draft EA document. Public comments on the Supplemental Draft EA are due on July 25th and the City of Scottsdale is working with other communities to develop a regional consensus and respond to the latest FAA proposal by the July 25th comment deadline.

The Supplemental Draft EA document is available at the FAA's web site [http://www.awp.faa.gov/ops/awp500/current_env.htm] in a large-file format, and at the Scottsdale Airport web site [http://www.ci.scottsdale.az.us/airport/Northwest2000.asp] in a small-file format that is easy to download via modems. A copy of supplemental draft EA is also available at the Scottsdale Public libraries in the reference

section. The City of Scottsdale encourages citizens to review the report and submit comments to the FAA by July 25th. The City of Scottsdale staff contact regarding this issue is Kevin Shirer, Planning & Environmental Coordinator, email: kshirer@ci.scottsdale.az.us, telephone (480) 312-7609.



Bravo Taxiway Reconstruction and Safety Area Improvements

Everything is on schedule for this summer's airport construction project. We have been able to work with the contractor to reduce the duration of the scheduled nighttime runway closures. The following is a list of the items to be completed as part of this project.

- ⇒ Reconstruct the existing 5,000 feet of the Bravo taxiway.
- ⇒ Extend the Bravo taxiway north to the approach end of Runway 21.
- ⇒ Install taxiway lights and lighted guidance signs on the entire Bravo taxiway.
- ⇒ Construct 12-foot paved shoulders around the entire Bravo taxiway.
- ⇒ Make grading and drainage improvements in the unpaved areas adjacent to the runway.
- ⇒ Upgrade airfield lighting vault equipment including replacement of the existing emergency generator.
- ⇒ Displace the approach end of Runway 21 by 400 feet to meet FAA standards for runway safety area dimensions.

Construction began on the 9th of July 2001 and is scheduled to last for approximately 130 days. The following is a list of the dates on which the nighttime runway closures will take place.

DURING PHASES 1 AND 2 THE RUNWAY WILL BE CLOSED AT 9 P.M. ON THE DATES LISTED BELOW AND WILL BE RE-OPENED AT 8 A.M. ON THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

Phase 1 July 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

Phase 2 August 29, 30, 31, September 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

NIGHTTIME RUNWAY CLOSURES FOR PHASES 3 AND 4 WILL BE POSTED AND SENT OUT VIA MEMO BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST.

Please remember that this project was divided into phases and extended in duration to ensure that the runway is not closed during the day as it was during the past two major construction projects. Airport staff realizes that the nighttime closures in phases 3 and 4 are taking place in the beginning of the busy season for everyone. We would like to assure all tenants that we will work diligently with the contractor to reduce or eliminate some of the nighttime runway closures that will take place during those phases.



Operational Levels

The following is a breakdown by user of the current total of the 88,014 operations in the year 2001:

- → 55.500 Itinerant
- → 32,514 Local

Of the total 88,014 operations in the year 2001, 14,958 were categorized as IFR operations.

Year to date totals are down approximately 8% in comparison to last years numbers.



The following identifies the historic calendar year operational levels.

1994 – 166,738

1995 - 178,109

1996 - 183,108

1997 - 185,100

1998 - 208,464

1999 - 230,591

2000 - 206,533

Aircraft Museum Coming to Scottsdale

Arizona Aerospace Foundation to house 25 historic planes

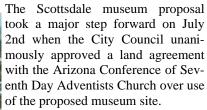
The Tucson-based Arizona Aerospace Foundation and the city of Scottsdale are partnering to bring a major aircraft museum to the Scottsdale Airport.

The museum, planned for the intersection of Scottsdale and Thunderbird roads, will feature 25 historic aircraft, profiles of the many American fighter "Aces" living in Scottsdale and a detailed exhibit of Thunderbird II, the original Army Air Corps training base that became the Scottsdale Airport.

The Foundation, which already operates two museums in southern Arizona, will begin a major fundraising cam-

paign for the Scottsdale museum. The museum's target opening date is Dec. 17, 2003 – the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first flight.

In the interim, the Foundation will produce an introductory Thunderbird II exhibit in the newly renovated Scottsdale Airport Terminal Building, 15000 N. Airport Drive.



"We're pleased to be working with a great organization like the Arizona Aerospace Foundation to establish a Scottsdale museum. This is a great addition to our community," said Mayor Mary Manross. "An aircraft

museum of this caliber will be a great educational opportunity for both residents and visitors, plus a fine tribute to Arizona's aerospace heritage."



Up-Coming Events Calendar

- July 15: Airport Advisory Commission meeting canceled
- Aug 15: Airport Advisory Commission Meeting 6PM in the terminal building.
- Sept 3: Labor Day: Airport Administration Offices Closed
- Sept 19: Airport Advisory Commission Meeting 6PM in the Airport Terminal Building



Airport Advisory Commission Update

April 2001

The Airport Advisory Commission meeting was held on April 25th. Action items included approval of changes to the Airport Minimum Operating Standards, rejection of the FBO proposal between Corporate Jets and Executive Aircraft Services, and approval of the Bravo Taxiway construction contractor and acceptance of the FAA/ADOT grants. Informational items included the first annual volunteer celebration and recognition certificates to the commissioners.

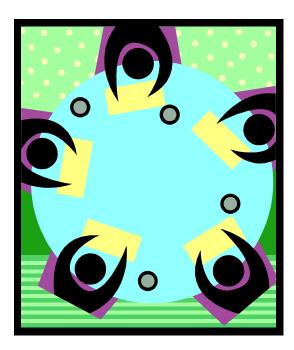
May 2001

The Airport Advisory Commission meeting was held on May 16th. Action items included approval of two land lease agreements for Airmore, LLC and Southwest Jet Corporate Center, LLC for parcels of land adjacent to their private property. Permit ratifications included Gypsy Flyers to conduct aircraft leasing and rental services, flight training services and biplane rides. Informational items included airport financial plan, the mandatory helicopter letter of agreement and the proposed Peterson Development.

June 2001

The Airport Advisory Commission meeting was held on June 20th. Action items included approval of two lease agreements for D'Atri's Gourmet Foods, Inc. and Lew Bernstein, LLC

for office space in the Aviation Business Center. Informational items included traffic pattern airspace recording, and a discussion regarding fuel trucks in the airpark.



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